

Construction of a new M. S. R. T. C Bus Stand, Bangalore

40. SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Arkalgud) [On behalf of Sri L. SRIKANTIAH (Nanjangud)].—

Will the Minister for Information and Publicity, Transport and Tourism be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the construction work of the M. S. R. T. C. new bus stand in the Subhas Maidan adjacent to the City Railway Station has been suddenly stopped ;

(b) if so, the reasons and when the work of the new bus stand will be resumed ;

(c) has any expenditure been incurred already in this direction ; if so, the amount ;

(d) whether accommodation in the new bus stand will be provided for the Private buses also ?

A.—SRI MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Information and Publicity, Transport and Tourism).—

(a) The construction of the main Bus Stand has not been taken up yet. The construction of two depots was taken up and the works were suspended for some time due to change in design and dispute with the contractor.

(b) The works have been recently resumed.

(c) Total expenditure of Rs. 3,50,000 has been incurred on the building. For other sub-works like hardening the parking yards, etc., another Rs. 3,42,000 has been spent.

(d) No.

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—Sir, the hon'ble Minister has stated that the works were suspended for some time due to change in design and dispute with the contractor. What was the nature of the dispute ? I wish to know whether the Contractor demanded higher rates and whether the Government has accommodated him with the high rates demanded by him ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—That Contractor demanded supply of iron and steel, and also cement. And it took some time to decide this question.

SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—I want to know whether the Government supplied them.

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—The Contractor demanded from the Road Transport Corporation supply of iron and steel materials and cement. And this question was under dispute for some time.

SRI S. SIVAPPA.—For want of supply of iron, steel and cement only, how long was the work postponed ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It is difficult to give the exact period because there was the question of changing the design also.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—What exactly is the reason? Is it due to the change in the design or for supply of iron, steel and cement? How long is the delay?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The delay was for about two years due to both reasons.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—While entrusting the contract, did the Government or the Department agree to supply iron, steel and cement to the Contractor? If they did not, how did the Contractor make himself bold to ask all these materials? May I know whether there is any revision in the agreement, subsequently?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That was the dispute between the Contractor and the Road Transport Corporation.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—How did the dispute arise? Was the contract entered into by the Government so ambiguous as to make him demand so many things like iron, steel and cement?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—There was scope for the Contractor to interpret that way.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Who is responsible for entering into such ambiguous contract? Have the Government examined it?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That is being examined.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಡಿಜೈನ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು, ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ರೇಟನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Well, we have not given enhanced rates.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—What was the original estimate and what is the revised estimate?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—We wanted to have two depots with to shell roofing. But now it is changed. We want to have pucca RCC roofing and first floor on the Depots.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—By this change, what is the difference in cost? What was the original cost and what is the revised estimated cost?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I do not have that information just now, Sir.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, this site has already taken two precious lives. How many more lives are to be lost before the work is completed.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I do not think it will take any lives.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—What was the amount of the original estimate and the amount of revised estimate and for what amount the contractor tendered?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Sir, the estimated cost of two depots and parking, etc., was Rs. 30,73,000. So far as the revised estimates are concerned, the work has not been let out; it has not yet been decided.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Minister said the dispute arose because of the design?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I have said, delay is because of the revised design.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—That means, there is a new design. We want to know the estimated cost of the new design.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—That figure I do not have and as per design and new estimate, the work has not been let out.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—That means the building is still staggering. May I know when the work is going to be taken up?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The work is under progress as per the original estimate.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Out of this amount for the building and parking, etc., is the entire amount paid to the contractor and if so is it in accordance with the terms of contract you entered into?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—Well Sir, the amount has been paid to the contractor.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಡಿಸೈನ್ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಧಾವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಈಗ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಎಸ್ಸಿಮೇಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ನಮಂಜನವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೊಸ ಡಿಸೈನ್ ತಯಾರಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಡಿಸೈನ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಈಗ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದರ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಾದರೂ ಏನು?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I said, it is for the better utilisation of the place, the Corporation desired to revise the design and to have a first floor.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಹೊಸ ಡಿಸೈನ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹೊಸ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್‌ಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ವಹಿಸುತ್ತೀರೋ ಅಥವಾ ಹಳೆಯ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರೋ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—As per rule, we will take action.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—We wanted to know what is the change and what is the cost of the new design. The Government has answered that the work was stopped because of change of design. Now the Minister says another thing. He says that the work is continuing as per the old design. Which is correct, whether it is continuing as per the old design or the work was stopped?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The work was stopped on account of dispute with the contractor and recently the question of revising the design has been taken up by the Corporation.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether you have taken up the work after the design has been revised or according to old design?

Sri MOHAMAD ALI.—The work is under progress according to old design.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Then how does the question of change of design arise?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The change of design is under the active consideration of the corporation.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Who is the contractor?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I do not have the name here.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—Are we to infer that the work was stopped due to change in design?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—He has stated that it was under dispute.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—The only reason is dispute with the contractor. Are we to take like that? Is it the only reason?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The hon'ble member can infer whatever he likes.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—From the answer it is clear that the work was suspended because there was a change in design. Now you say that the work is resumed as per the old design.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—He states that it is under dispute and at the same time the Government is considering the question of change of design.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether dispute with the contractor has been resolved? After that being decided, whether the old contractor has been asked to go ahead with the work according to old design.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The old contractor has been allowed to continue the work and the dispute has been resolved and the corporation has decided to supply iron and steel and cement as per the agreement.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS OF THE DAY

(but not taken up)

M.C.R.P. Scheme

456. Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—

Will the Minister for Social Welfare be pleased to state :—

(a) when the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the formation of Agricultural colony for the upliftment of Harijans and Girijans in the State was abolished;

(b) when the M.C.R.P. Scheme was introduced in its place;